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Subject RE: More US Radium Records Found

BEUATIFUL!!!

I spoke with our Structural Eng and he is close to completing the resume of staff visit for our last trip... I will foreword when complete.

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Good morning gentlemen,

I visited the SLC Superfund site yesterday. The Remedial Investigation team alerted me to the existence of more documents on the site. Two rooms in the Main Building under the control of USR Metals contain numerous records. One room contains a large quantity of records (blueprints, etc.) that USR Metals currently uses. This room also contains several file cabinets of old documents that USR Metals no longer uses (maybe never used). USR Metals management, Jeff and Tim Miller, do not know what may be contained in some of the cabinets. The other room is not used and contains a large amount of debris in addition to approx. six to eight file cabinets and a number of document boxes. I looked at a sampling of the documents and most appear to date from the early to mid-1960s. Some relate to AEC licensing and one document I saw (an internal memo) detailed the problems US Radium encountered with "Cs-137 Decalso pellets" they received from ORNL. US Radium had to dispose of some Cs-137 contaminated material as a result (sounds interesting!). The Millers said that we could look at any records they have and we could take whatever we needed so long as we didn't take records they currently use.

I have obtained a document scanner for use at the site. It has an automatic document feeder for single or two-side documents up to legal size and also can be used to scan photos, books, ledgers, slides and negatives. I had planned to start scanning the documents we set aside on the second floor of the Main Building but I chose not to access the area until the mercury vapor measurements were completed.